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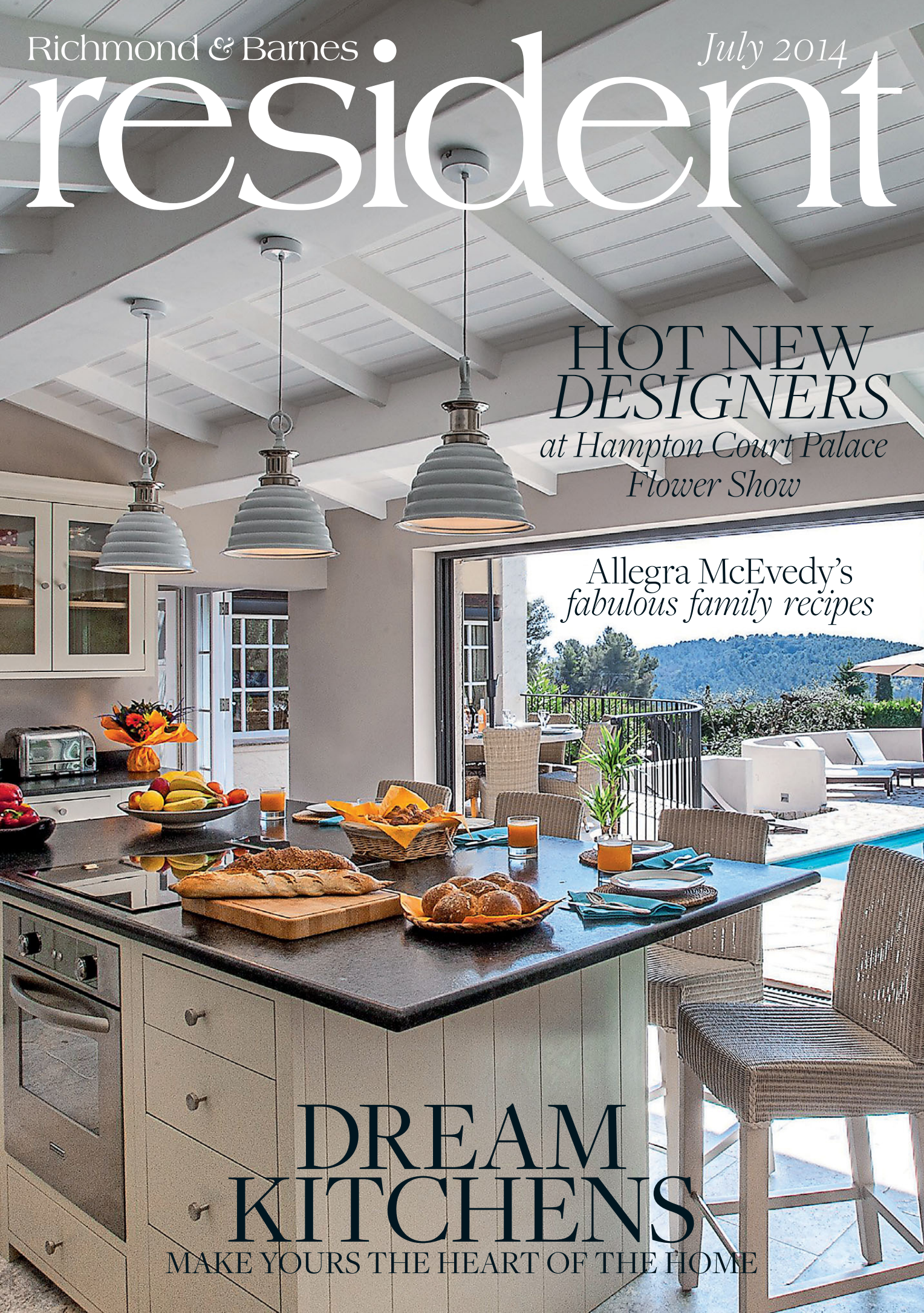

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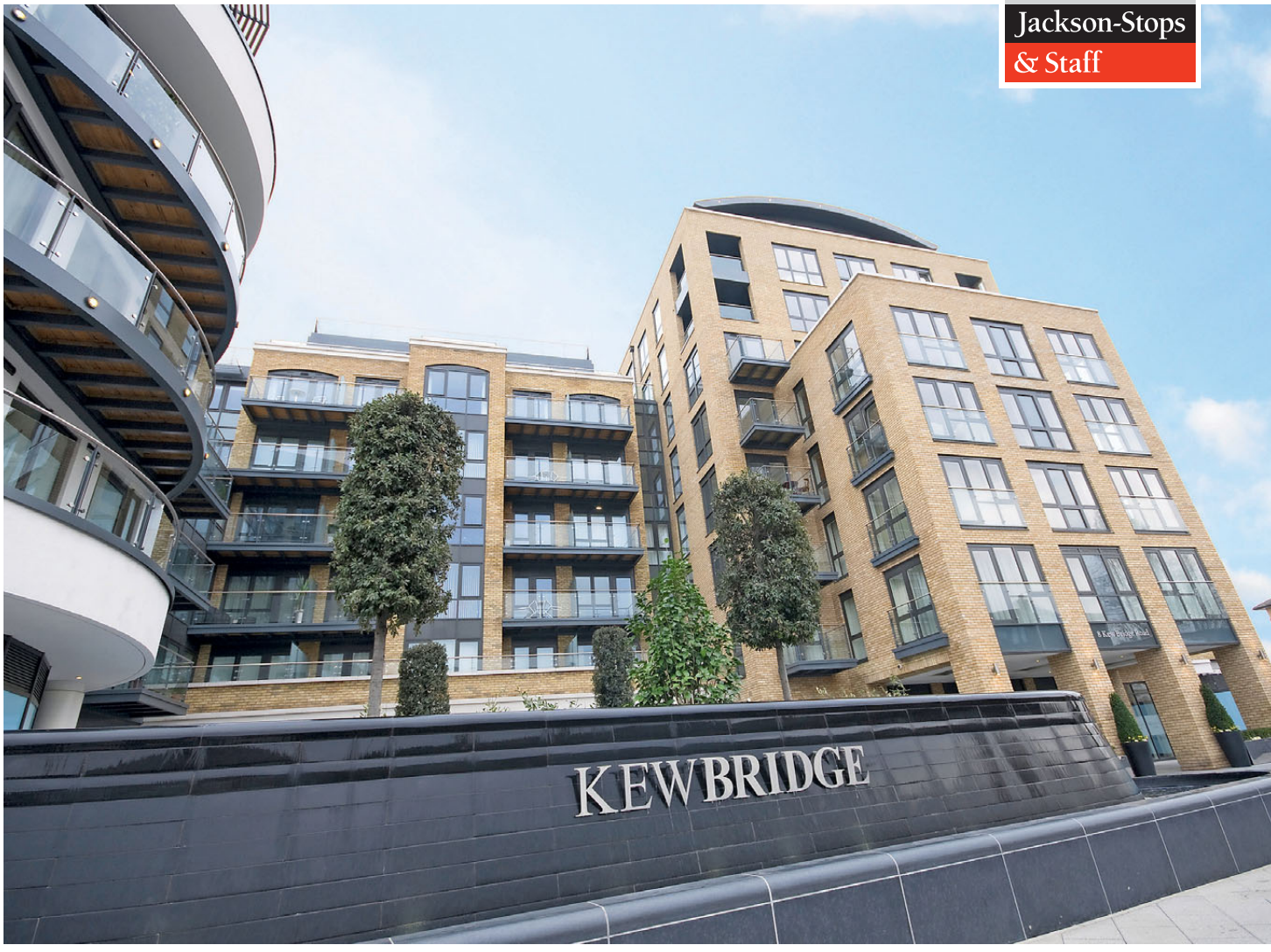

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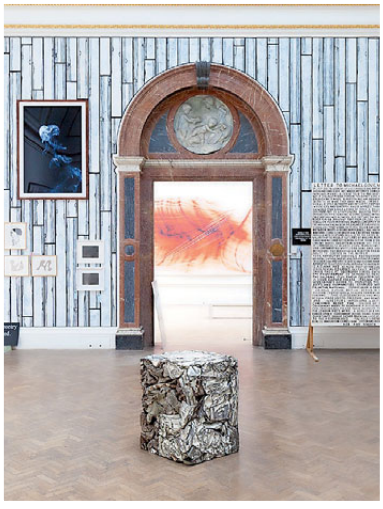

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Letter from the EDITOR

Summer is here, and it's time to embrace the great outdoors! A perfect excuse to get out and enjoy the sun is the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. Returning for its 24th year, the event promises to be as bright, bustling and beautiful as ever, and it's also going to be a showcase of some stunning gardens designed by some exciting local talent too. Will Gore met three innovative gardeners who will be presenting their designs at this year's show – see page 12.

Back indoors, and our interiors section is bursting with stylish buys, features and ideas. To kick things off, we take a peek inside a beautiful house in Richmond that started off as two separate properties, and ended up as one stand-out family home, on page 20. We've also got a selection of American-inspired designs that will transform a tired interior into something pretty special on page 26, and a three-page kitchen special boasting some gorgeous ideas on page 32.

If our kitchen section entices you to spend more time in the heart of your own home, see our interview with west London chef and restaurateur Allega McEvedy on page 40 – there are some some lovely family-friendly dining suggestions and recipes that will keep everyone smiling!

Should you need some inspiration over the holidays for things to do and places to visit, see theresident.co.uk for an array of fun suggestions, both locally and a bit further afield, and if you have any events you'd like to share, we'd love to hear about them – tweet us @Richmond_Res. Enjoy the issue.

Vicky

Vicky Smith, Editor

the big interview

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gourmet

TOM PARKER BOWLES

American food has come a long way since the days of Stallone, Schwarzenegger and Planet Hollywood

It all happened so fast. In the flip of a rare-breed, hand-minced burger, topped with bacon jam and wedged in between two billowing brioche buns. One moment American tucker was pure grease-soaked sustenance; the next, it's reborn with a revamp. Step for a moment, anywhere in the capital, and breathe deep. What do you taste? Noxious petrochemicals aside, it's Cajun spice and buffalo sauce, drawn butter, Zatarin's seafood rub and the seductive whiff of mesquite. We're now a city in thrall to high end, edible Americana.

Back in the day, the choice was strictly limited. On the plus side, you had the Hard Rocks, Maxwell's and Texas Lone Stars, endearingly ersatz creations where the food at least attempted to replicate the burger joints, BBQ shacks, burrito houses and diners of the United States (albeit with very limited success).

We're getting to grips with the sheer regional variety of real american food

Now, though, at long last we're getting to grips with the sheer regional variety, the lip-smacking breadth, of real American food. It never ceases to annoy me when dullards bang on about American food being simply sloppy processed muck. What about the clam bakes of New England, I want to scream, the crawfish boils of Louisiana? And BBQ, 'meat and three', Cajun and Creole, Cali-Japanese, and Tex Mex (the real thing, not that hideous pastiche on which we grew up). Had I the space, I could break into a fevered paean as to the sheer glorious diversity of those 50 great states. God bless her indeed.

But back to London. And yes, I know, dude food has outstayed its welcome. It's everywhere, like a processed cheese and chilli slathered, pit roasted, deep fried bore. But the fad will pass and we'll be left with the true gems, the dishes that deserve to linger on forever. Buffalo wings at Meat Liquor; proper pulled pork at Pit Cue in Soho; mac and cheese spring rolls at Far Rockaway in Shoreditch; spicy ox cheek doughnut at Duck and Waffle in the City; sublime hot dogs at Bubble Dogs in Fitzrovia; shrimp and grits at Jackson and Rye in Soho. The list goes on and on. I've even heard great things (from Jay Rayner, a man who knows his butt from his bark) about the BBQ at The Big Easy, that old Chelsea stalwart. New smokers, and a much respected American barbeque king, have been drafted in to offer Londoners real smoked food.

And now things are moving ever upwards. Avenue, in St James, deals in all sorts of upscale clam chowders and Reuben sandwiches. I've yet to eat there, and reports are mixed, but with openings like 160 Degrees Fahrenheit in West Hampstead (from the team behind Pied à Terre) and The Lockhart, just behind Marble Arch,

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KITCHEN ESSENTIALS

Create that holy grail of interior design – good looking, well functioning kitchens – thanks to some expert guidance

Text: SARA CROSLEY

Carcasses flat

Kitchen units, today, are the boring bit, but good carcasses are the foundation of your kitchen. 'Carcasses give the kitchen its rigidity and stability, so it's important that they are well made, and that doors and drawers stand up, are exposed to moisture, temperature changes, or heavy loads,' says Robert Bassett, Head of Design at Holloways of Ludlow.

Good materials

Katie Freeman, Creative Director and co-founder of Plain English, says: 'Kitchens are a big investment, so you want your choice to be long-lasting. The lovely thing about wood is that it is very forgiving, 'she says and also recommends marble and slate.

Go bespoke

'Having a bespoke kitchen means tailoring your kitchen design completely to your requirements, and making it work for your lifestyle,' says Jo Kent-Norman, Sales & Marketing Director at John Lewis of Hungerford.

You get what you pay for

'Buy cheap, buy twice,' says Robert. 'Longer-lasting materials are usually more expensive. Because they are stronger, they are often more difficult to work with and that is a cost factor.'

In items of style

A kitchen does not need to reflect or relate to the character or age of the house. 'The list of material options available for use in kitchens is so wide and varied, that a designer can be more imaginative than that,' says Robert.

It's about the craft

'Craftsmanship is important, and increasingly, handmade by and are designed to be unique are more likely to withstand the test of the time,' says Robert. 'It's design-led and integrity, it will last,' agrees Katie ›

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GRAND DESIGNS

As the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show returns, Will Gore meets the exciting designers who have created stand-out gardens at this year's event

This year's RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show is shaping up to be every bit as colourful and spectacular as regular visitors have come to expect. It takes place from 8-13 July and attractions include a Plant Village with 20 stands to browse, an orchid display and a Growing Taste marquee featuring a vast selection of freshly grown, edible produce.

There will also be a number of show gardens on display, with many of them designed by emerging stars in the gardening world. As well as nurturing wonderful plants, the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show cultivates green-fingered young talent too, so let us introduce you to a few gardeners to look out for…

JACK DUNCKLEY

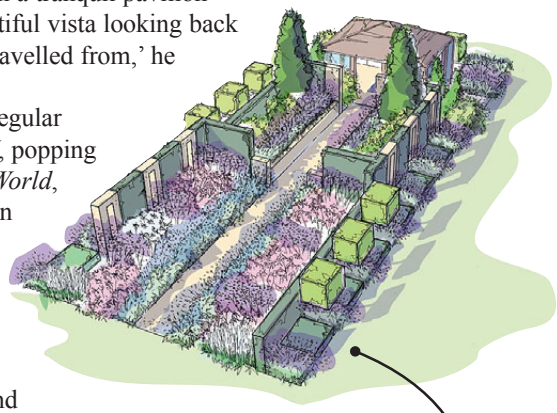
Jack Dunckley

Aged just 21, Jack Dunckley is something of a gardening sensation. He exhibited his first garden at Malvern aged just 14 and has since been awarded seven Royal Horticultural Society Medals, and is the youngest ever winner of a medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.

At this year's Hampton Court show he's gunning to go one better and secure a gold medal with his Journey Through Retirement garden, designed in collaboration with his sponsor Just Retirement. 'It's a walk-through garden with visitors going on a journey through different stages of life. You end up at the 'retirement' stage in a tranquil pavilion setting with a beautiful vista looking back on where you've travelled from,' he explains.

Jack has made regular appearances on TV, popping up on *Gardeners' World*, the BBC's Hampton Court coverage and alongside his gardening hero Alan Titchmarsh. 'I was always inspired by Alan and going on his show was one of the greatest things,' he says. 'He is ever so down to earth and he is one of those people who comes across on TV exactly how he is, it's not an act.'

Follow Jack's progress at justretirement.com/flowershow



Jack Dunckley's show garden is inspired by the different stages of life

RACHEL PARKER SODEN

Those who have attended the flower show at Hampton Court for the sedate charms of an English garden might be in for a bit of shock when they happen upon Rachel Parker Soden's garden. Part of the Conceptual Gardens display,

Rachel Parker Soden's garden represents the theme of 'lust'

The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show runs from July 8-13. For a full list of attractions and for booking information, visit rhs.org.uk

which this year takes the seven deadly sins as its theme, Rachel's garden is inspired by the sin of lust. Her design explores both the beauty of flowers and their function to reproduce, an exploration that takes place within a 'brothel setting' complete with red lights and neon signs.

'I liked the idea of the RHS show visitor becoming a voyeur on the sex life of plants, and the idea of confronting people with the garden,' she explains, with a laugh. 'I've gone quite cheeky and it's quite provocative with the garden becoming a red light district, with lots of red plants.'

Rachel Parker Soden

The Conceptual Gardens at Hampton Court give young people the chance to engage with something artistic

Rachel admits her garden might be too grown up for some of the youngest visitors to Hampton Court but she says the flower show does a great job at catering for the next generation of gardeners. 'The Conceptual Gardens at Hampton Court give young people the chance to engage in something that's artistic and cool, rather than just being set up like a suburban garden.'

The festival is a home fixture for Rachel, 35, who lives just down the road from the Palace, and it also happens to be the place where she studied garden design with KLC in 2012. Since completing her studies, she has established her own garden design business with clients in London and the Home Counties.

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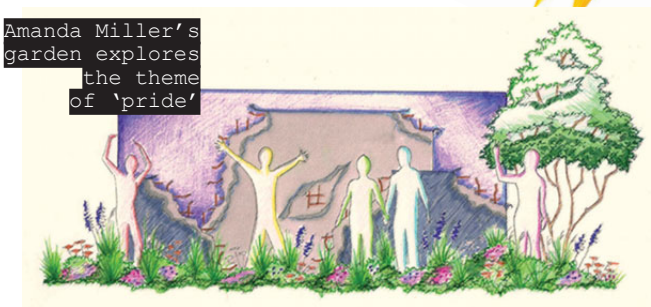

Amanda Miller's garden explores the theme of 'pride'

AMANDA MILLER

Like Rachel Parker Soden, Amanda Miller, 27, is exhibiting a Conceptual Garden at this year's show, and the sin she's picked to bring to life is pride.

She decided she would use her garden to present pride's double meaning, aiming to show both it's positive and negative side. At one end of the garden there will be an artwork that depicts people constricted and blinded by pride, while at the other end the idea of pride being about freedom and a celebration of who you are will be the central theme. This bright side will be shown through lots of plentiful, free planting of colourful flowers.

Amanda Miller

'I always wanted to do a garden that represented gay equality and this is the perfect opportunity to do it thanks to the sponsorship I've had from Stonewall and the grant that is given by RHS,' she says.The Conceptual Gardens challenge the boundaries of what a normal garden is. As a designer you have the space to create a bit more and tackle controversial issues, targeting a specific audience.'

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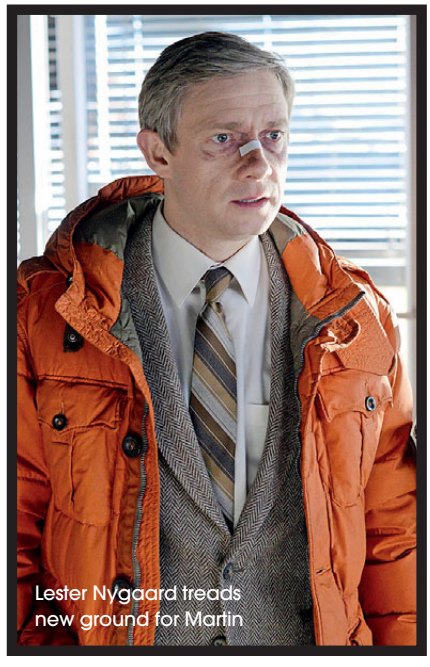

Lester Nygaard treads new ground for Martin

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He admits taking the role wasn't a straight-forward decision, but taking the plunge was all down to his actress wife, Amanda Abbington. 'When I got to the scenes where I ›

knew it was me and Billy Bob, they were fantastically written scenes. I kicked it around in my head and I showed the script to my wife, and she told me, "You've gotta do it. It's so good". And so I did it.'

Fargo is yet another huge tick in what's becoming a hugely successful CV – and in this industry, there's no getting away from the fame that comes with it. 'It's not something I was ever seeking,' Martin says, 'and of course I understand that it's the nature of this business that with success comes recognition. It can be pleasant to have people acknowledge your work and express their appreciation, but sometimes the attention can be difficult to bear and I admit I'm not good at that sort of thing, I like having my little world to myself, and for my friends and family.'

Martin's 'little world' revolves around Potters Bar, where he lives with Amanda and their two children, Joe and Grace. 'We live there because it's so close to town,' he says. 'That is one of the main things that appeals so much. I can get into town for work or to shop, but I can escape that busyness and get home where there are fields and a bit more tranquillity.'

Does he have particular London loves? 'I love clothes and I have a couple of tailors that I go to in London, John Smedley and Mark Powell,' he reveals. 'If it was up to me, I would make everybody in London wear a three-piece suit, no matter what they were doing or what the weather was like. That would make everywhere a bit nicer, wouldn't it? I also love the style of North London people. This may sound crazy, but you can tell a North London road from a South London road, just as you can tell east from west. The people match that.'

Bilbo Baggins is a treasure of a role

Sherlock has been a huge hit

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One of the best things about Sherlock was the whole London aspect to it. It is so exciting to do something that takes in the history of London

His affinity to the capital found the perfect partner when the role of John Watson came around. 'That was one of the best things about Sherlock,' he enthuses, 'the whole London aspect of it. Aside from the story, that really appealed to me. It is so exciting to do something that takes in the history of London, the artistic side of the City. We got to explore the thing that is so pivotal to the City and it made the experience even more special.'

Even if, again, he wasn't sure about taking on the part. 'I wouldn't have played in it if I hadn't felt we were doing something unique,' he insists. 'I thought it was very risky to try to update Sherlock Holmes, but I was willing to discuss it. The problem was that the day I met the people who were doing Sherlock, I was feeling stressed and irritable and I left the impression that I wasn't that anxious to do it. The next time I went in I read some scenes with Benedict and that's when I saw that our rhythms were naturally suited.'

A third series will come for Sherlock, and then there's the conclusion to Martin's Hobbit adventure – and a West End run where he will be taking on one of the biggest baddies in history, Richard III. He promises a different take on the much-vilified King at the Trafalgar Studios run starting this month – just another role to add to that hugely impressive CV.

{ What was it like to act alongside his wife in Sherlock? Martin reveals all at **theresident.co.uk** }

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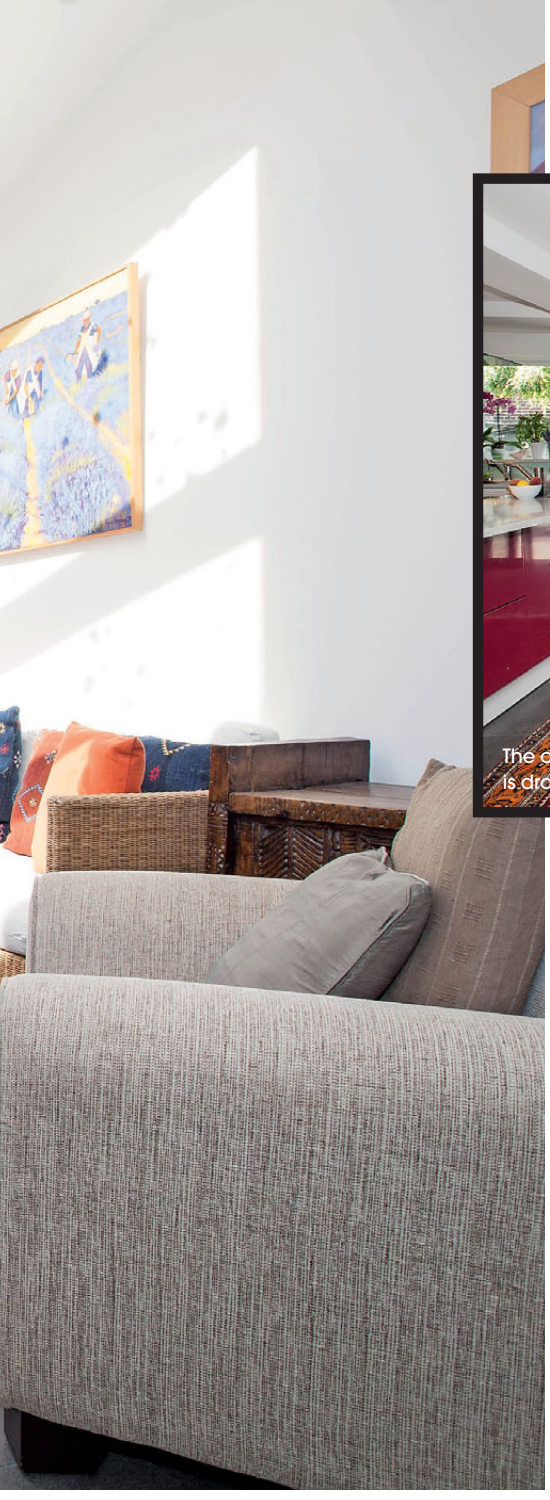
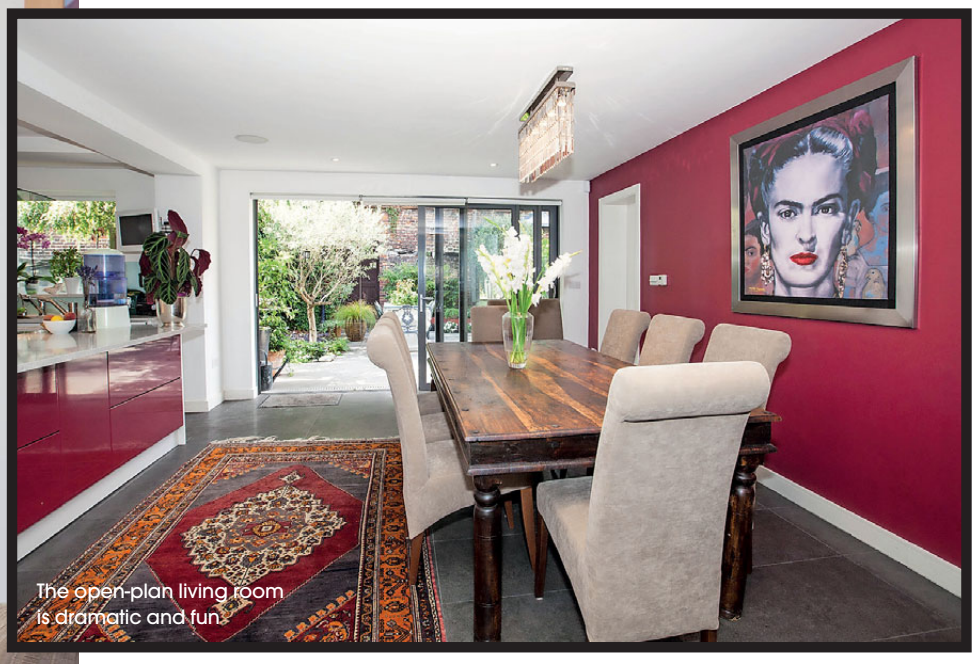
The intention when joining the two properties together was to create light, modern living space

Stella Howard Smith tells us how she transformed two properties on Garrick Close in Richmond into a stunning stand-out family home





The open-plan living room is dramatic and fun

What condition was the property in when you moved in?
When we first moved into the house it was shabby and very dated, so there was a substantial amount of work that needed to be done.

Tell us about how you brought together the two properties?
To amalgamate the two properties we first removed one of the staircases. This area was then incorporated into the living room which became a beautiful double aspect room. The loft was also opened up to go over the whole of the house, creating an excellent space for teenagers.

How long did it take?
The renovation took 10 months in total to complete.

What were the biggest challenges?
Planning was actually the biggest challenge. It was a lengthy process and in some cases plans had to be adjusted and resubmitted.

What was the 'look' you wanted to achieve?
We wanted to create lots of light, and a spacious modern home with clean and classic lines.

What's your favourite room and what do you feel are the property's stand-out features?
There are lots of areas in the house in which I enjoy sitting, but a favourite would have to be the garden room that looks onto the sunken garden, which is adorned with an old Indian temple door.

What do you feel is the home's biggest selling point?
The house has a lot of lateral space which is quite unique for Richmond. It also benefits from being a corner plot, with a quiet location and several rooms looking over the garden.

Who should live here?
Because of the layout, it is a house that is well suited to families with young or teenage children. It would also work well for people that entertain a lot, with space flowing across the lateral layout.

What do you like best about the local area?
It is wonderful to be able to step out straight onto the Green and to enjoy the convenience of the shops, station and river only minutes away.

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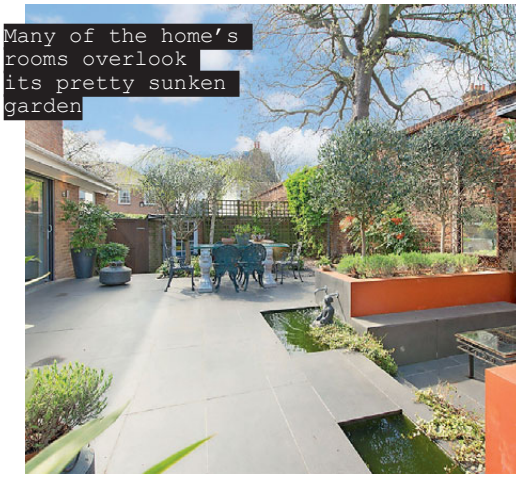

Many of the home's rooms overlook its pretty sunken garden

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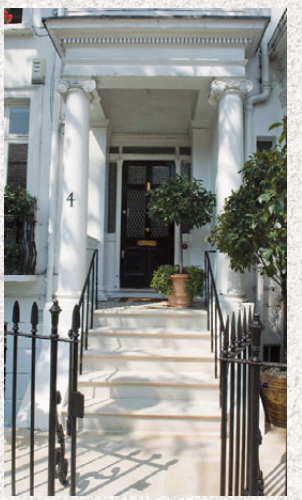

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Words KARA O'REILLY

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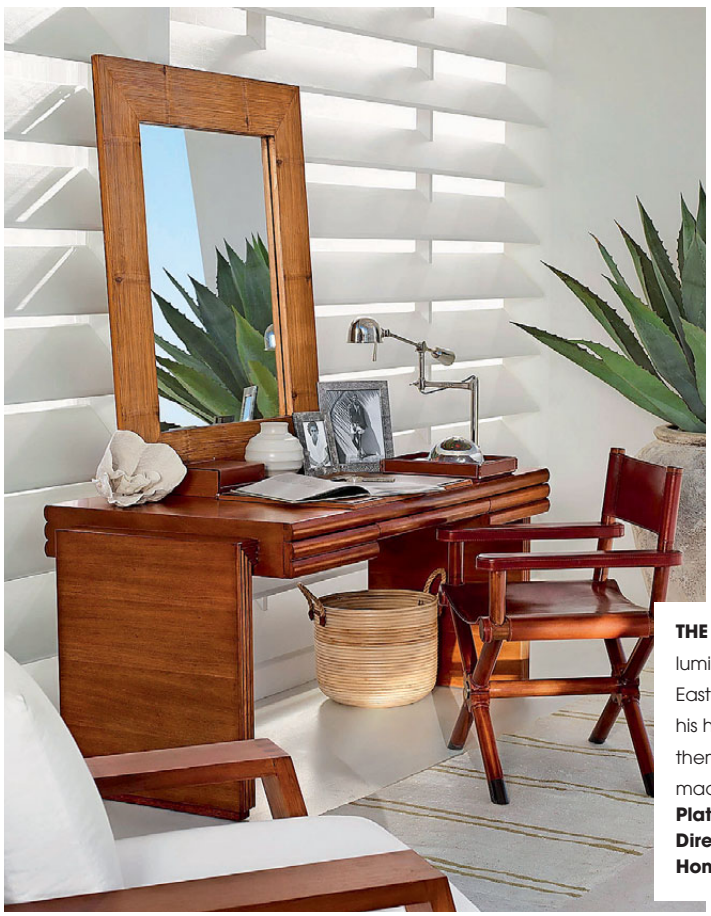

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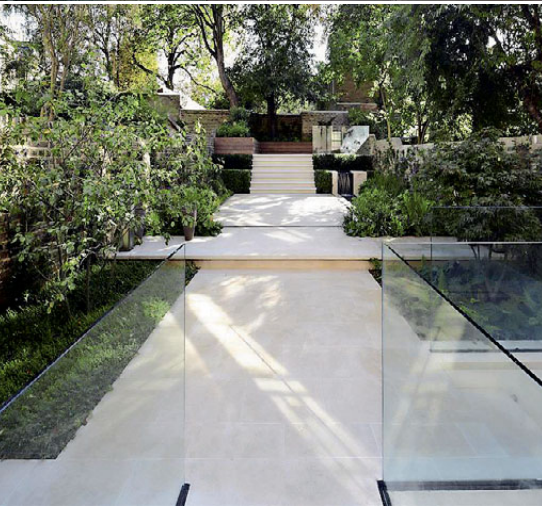

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Words KARA O'REILLY

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Good materials

Katie Fontana, Creative Director and co-founder of Plain English, believes that natural materials win out every time for longevity. 'The lovely thing about wood is that it is very forgiving,' she says and also recommends marble and slate.

Go bespoke

'Buying a bespoke kitchen means tailoring your kitchen design completely to your requirements, creating a kitchen that is uniquely yours,' says Kiran Noonan, Sales & Marketing Director at John Lewis of Hungerford.

You get what you pay for

'Buy cheap, buy twice,' says Robert. 'Longer-lasting materials are usually more expensive. Because they are stronger, they are often more difficult to work with and that is a cost issue.'

Holloways of Ludlow mix the old with the new

John Lewis offer a vast range of kitchen styles

In terms of style

A kitchen does not need to reflect or relate to the character or age of the house. 'The list of material options available for use in kitchens is so wide and varied, that a designer can be more imaginative than that,' says Robert.

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John Lewis of Hungerford's Shaker kitchen in frame earl grey

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'There are many ways of introducing colour into your kitchen,' says Kiran. 'In a compact space use one bright colour rather than combining more than one hue. Alternatively brightly coloured accessories or chairs work well too.'

Don't forget the lighting

'The key to creating the perfect lighting lies in layering the effects,' explains Kiran. 'One way is to zone the lighting according to its use; working (task), dining and mood (ambient) and creating the wow factor (feature).'

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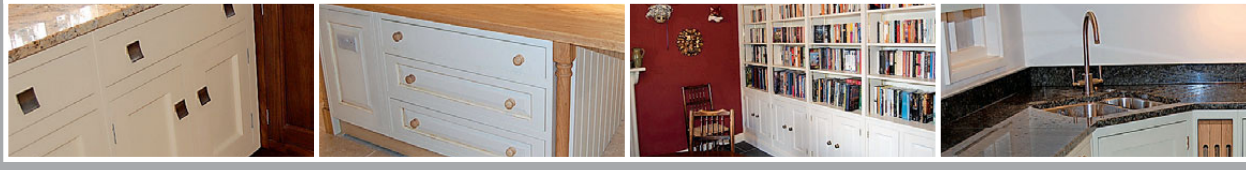

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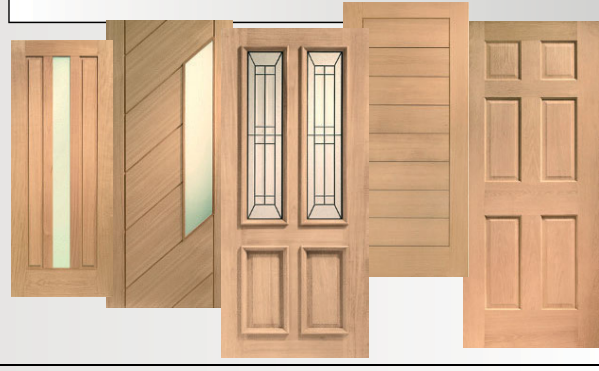

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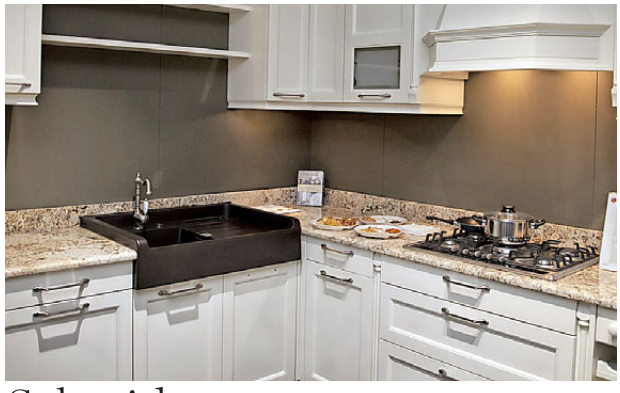

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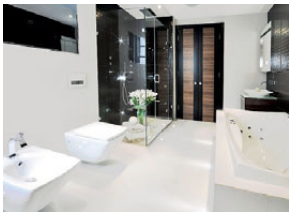

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American food has come a long way since the days of Stallone, Schwarzenegger and Planet Hollywood

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Stop for a moment, anywhere in the capital, and breathe deep. What do you taste? Noxious petrochemicals aside, it's Cajun spice and buffalo sauce, drawn butter, Zatarin's seafood rub and the seductive whiff of mesquite. We're now a city in thrall to high end, edible Americana.

The Big Easy is an old stalwart of American dining in London

Back in the day, the choice was strictly limited. On the plus side, you had the Hard Rocks, Maxwell's and Texas Lone Stars, endearingly ersatz creations where the food at least attempted to replicate the burger joints, BBQ shacks, burrito houses and diners of the United States (albeit with very limited success).

We're getting to grips with the sheer regional variety of real american food

Now, though, at long last we're getting to grips with the sheer regional variety, the lip-smacking breadth, of real American food. It never ceases to annoy me when dullards bang on about American food being simply sloppy processed muck. What about the clam bakes of New England, I want to scream, the crawfish boils of Louisiana? And BBQ, 'meat and three', Cajun and Creole, Cali-Japanese, and Tex Mex (the real thing, not that hideous pastiche on which we grew up). Had I the space, I could break into a fevered paean as to the sheer glorious diversity of those 50 great states. God bless her indeed.

But back to London. And yes, I know, dude food has outstayed its welcome. It's everywhere, like a processed cheese and chilli slathered, pit roasted, deep fried bore. But the fad will pass and we'll be left with the true gems, the dishes that deserve to linger on forever. Buffalo wings at Meat Liquor; proper pulled pork at Pit Cue in Soho; mac and cheese spring rolls at Far Rockaway in Shoreditch; spicy ox cheek doughnut at Duck and Waffle in the City; sublime hot dogs at Bubble Dogs in Fitzrovia; shrimp and grits at Jackson and Rye in Soho. The list goes on and on. I've even heard great things (from Jay Rayner, a man who knows his butt from his bark) about the BBQ at The Big Easy, that old Chelsea stalwart. New smokers, and a much respected American barbeque king, have been drafted in to offer Londoners real smoked food.

And now things are moving ever upwards. Avenue, in St James, deals in all sorts of upscale clam chowders and Reuben sandwiches. I've yet to eat there, and reports are mixed, but with openings like 160 Degrees Fahrenheit in West Hampstead (from the team behind Pied à Terre) and The Lockhart, just behind Marble Arch,

{ To read about Tom's adventures in Thailand and more London foodie picks, go to **theresident.co.uk** }

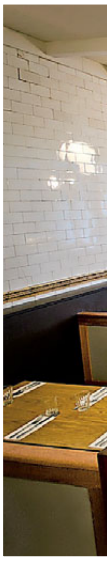
FAMILY MATTERS

For local chef and restaurateur Allegra McEvedy, food and family go hand in hand, discovers Sudi Pigott

Once known endearingly by her family as 'small pork', author, chef, restaurateur, TV personality, pig fanatic, mother, dubbed by *The Independent* 'caterer with a conscience' Allegra McEvedy has west London in her genes. She was brought up in Brook Green and has lived in the same house in Brackenbury Village or 'as I prefer to call it, the Bush' for 14 years. She relishes the fact that her four year old daughter Delilah, affectionately known as 'little piglet' goes to the same ballet school at Last Chance Youth Club in Masbro Road that Allegra once attended 'albeit far more reluctantly. I can't believe my daughter is so into pink, though she loves football in Ravenscourt Park too. It's all about balance and choice,' she says mischievously. Why the piggy nicknames I wonder out loud? 'It's both a culinary and emotional connection that's always been emblematic in our family,' explains Allegra ebulliently. It makes even more sense now with Allegra's latest restaurant venture, Blackfoot in Exmouth Market 'all about celebrating the pig' and already such a massive success that they are looking for a second site south of the river. Just for good measure, Allegra guffaws that a friend of her daughter counted 72 porcine decorations in the house!

The idea behind the new book is to guarantee a lifetime of happy cooking and eating by providing all the culinary starter advice you need

It's clear that family matters deeply to Allegra. Almost as much as food, and the two are intangibly connected, hence her latest book *Big Table, Busy Kitchen*, which is dedicated to both her late mother and her daughter, and celebrates the potent culinary bond of cooking with mother and passing on recipes. Like many of the best ideas, it arose from a disaster. One of Allegra's most prized possessions was a tatty seventies recipe scrapbook belonging to her mother, arranged under headings like hors d'oeuvres and baking (Victoria Sponge and Apple Snow were her childhood favourites) which was 'a good way to keep my mum in my life, a brilliant cook, who died when I was only 17.' Tragically, it got thrown away by mistake by cleaners at her publishers. After much soul-searching Allegra decided to write her version of the scrapbook to set Delilah up for life. Explains Allegra, the idea is to 'guarantee a lifetime of happy cooking and eating by providing all the culinary starter advice needed as she evolves through life.' Hence chapters mixing great humour with



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See theresident.co.uk to find out where Allegra likes to eat and shop locally

Salmon and leek fishcakes, as featured in Big Table, Busy Kitchen

Allegra's new restaurant Blackfoot has been an instant hit

essential advice (her tips for ensuring chicken breasts are never dry are excellent, as are her recipes for one which also give a next day recipe for packed lunch using leftovers). Lively chapter headings include 'It Begins with Baking' which features recipes for Squashed Fly Scones and, in true femininist spirit, Gingerbread Families for our Times (complete with suggestions for multi-racial and varied sexual orientation figures!). 'Broke & Bored' is the section for students, whilst the 'Bun in the Oven' chapter features recipes for pregnancy dishes and cooking for friends, family and celebrations.

Already Delilah is a great eater or, as Allegra puts it, 'an inveterate nosher' who especially loves helping to make pancakes. Proudly, and with no hint of coyness, Allegra reveals: 'Having Delilah has become my real purpose. Keeping her safe, warm, laughing and secure is what matters most and has made me behave like a reasonable human being, far more often! Truly she's my salvation.'

Big Table, Busy Kitchen **is published by Quercus Books £25**
blackfootrestaurant.co.uk
allegramcevedy.com

PEAR, PARMA HAM & PECORINO SALAD

INGREDIENTS

8–10 thin slices of Parma ham
big knob of butter
4 juicy pears (the shorter, fatter kind) washed, cut into 8 wedges and cored
400g mixed leaves (any mix of rocket/radicchio/Italian leaves works well)
2 tbsp white balsamic or white wine vinegar
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus a splash more
80–100g pecorino (the aged one), thinly sliced or shaved
Salt and pepper

METHOD

1 Put a wide frying pan over a medium–high heat and fry the slices of Parma ham on each side (in two batches) until crispy and smelling scrummy.

2 When the first lot is done, take it out and drain on kitchen paper while you get the next lot in.

3 When all the ham is crisped, melt the butter in the pan and chuck in all the pear wedges. Once they have warmed through, turn the heat down a bit and cook for about 5 minutes with a grinding of pepper, until the pears are sweet and softening around the edges, but not falling apart.

4 Put the leaves into a big mixing bowl, and dress with the vinegar, extra virgin olive oil and some seasoning. Chuck in most of the pecorino and all of the pears along with their juices and give it a good fumble with your paws.

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FOOD *NOTEBOOK*

The latest foodie news from Emily Manson

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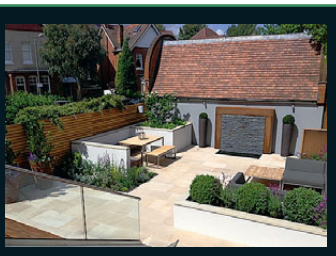

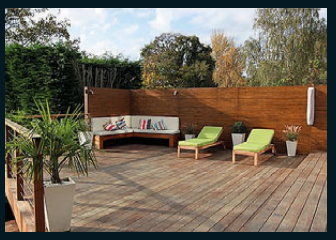

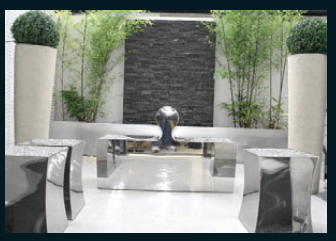

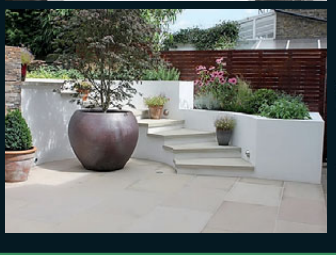

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MODE NOTEBOOK

Make the most of sunny days with these bright, bejewelled pieces

Words SHONA WALLACE

POOL PARADE

No summer wardrobe is complete without a stylish selection of bikinis, one-pieces and cover-ups. This season's sweetest swim options come in fruity shades to complement sun-kissed skin. Melissa Odabash's classic triangle bikinis come in an array of citrus shades, while Eres do a sculpting apricot swimsuit that's more conservative. Contrast the tropical shades with Heidi Klein's light aqua kaftan, or balance the brightness with a sand printed tunic by Cool Change.

MORE IS MORE

MAWI's new Barbarella pieces are destined for glamorous summer evenings. The drop earrings are particularly striking, contrasting geometric crystals of citrine and aqua with bold coral peardrops.

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Trevor says that glamorous hair is at the forefront of current trends

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What are the top trends for hair this summer?
Glamorous hair is at the forefront of current trends – beachy and understated hair is very fashionable at the moment. Natural as opposed to overly styled hair is what is on trend at the moment.

What are your top tips for keeping your hair healthy in the sun?
Use products with UV filters and leave in conditioners to protect hair in the sun. The best protection of all is to cover the hair and scalp with a hat, even in overcast weather. Whether swimming in the pool or the sea it is vital to thoroughly wash your hair afterwards. Salt is very drying on the hair and chlorine can alter the colour of your hair.

Whose celebrity hairstyles do you admire?
Alexa Chung and Brad Pitt.

Can you tell us about your 'mynewhair' charity?
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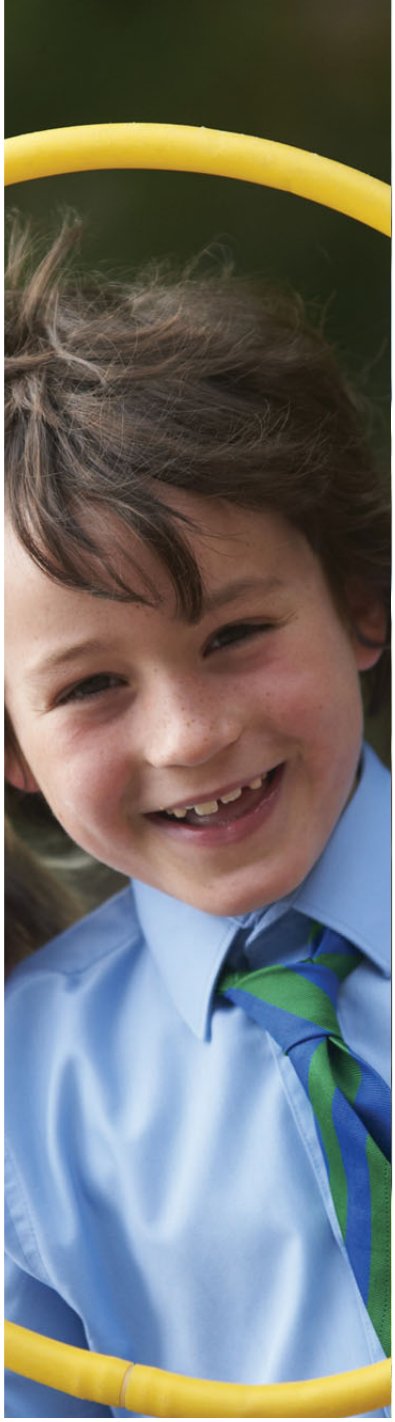

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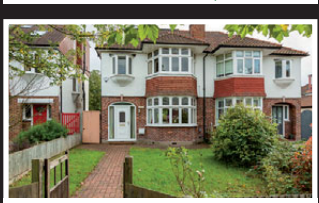
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Billionaire lifestyle

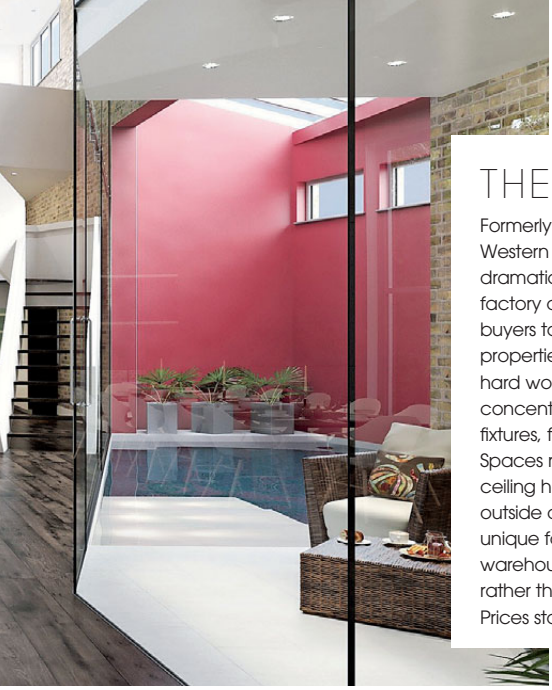
The luxurious property has eight bedrooms

Known as 'Billionaire's Row', The Bishops Avenue in north London has been ranked the second most expensive street in Britain – just off the avenue, Fairways is believed to be the UK's priciest new-build property. Designed by celebrity interior designer Celia Sawyer, it has eight bedroom suites and a leisure complex with pool, sauna, gym, bar and cinema. The entrance hall, features a sweeping staircase and multi-storey atrium, and there's also a guest cottage with views of Highgate golf course.

Designer Celia Sawyer's favourite area is the family room, which spans the rear of the property and opens onto the garden. 'I decided to create a masculine and feminine end, using an elegant form of furniture in the female end, complementing this with a more masculine form using similar materials in the male end,' she said,

Fairways in north London is believed to be the UK's most expensive new-build

Celia stars in Channel 4's 'Four Rooms' and BBC1's upcoming series 'Your Home in Their Hands' (www. celiasawyer.com). Fairways is on the market for £22m (Glentree Estates, 020 8458 7311).



THE PERSONAL TOUCH

Formerly known as the Sunlight Laundry, the Loud & Western building in Fulham has been converted into dramatic residential spaces. Homes within the former factory are being presented in 'raw condition', allowing buyers to design the space they buy. Externally, the properties will be fully refurbished, while internally all the hard work will be completed, leaving buyers to concentrate on the more enjoyable aspects such as fixtures, fittings and wall colours.

Spaces range from 2,466 sq ft to 7,000 sq ft, all with ceiling heights over 3m or double volume, each with an outside area and roof terrace. This kind of space is unique for the area, as it is usually synonymous with warehouse conversions in New York and Shoreditch rather than south west London.

Prices start at £2m (Savills, 020 7731 9400).

LONDON TOP FOR LUXURY

For the second year in a row London has topped the rankings of luxury property markets, according to a report from Christie's International Real Estate which compared 10 of the world's key cities: Côte d'Azur, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Sydney, Toronto and London. London had the highest record home sales price ($101.5m), the highest square foot prices (averaging $4,683 in 2013) and the highest entry price point for luxury property ($7.8m). In 2013 the UK capital saw a 20% increase in number of luxury property sales. 'A transparent, secure and liquid market is attracting homebuyers from all over the world to London, a truly cosmopolitan city offering one of the world's great lifestyles,' said Andy Martin at Strutt & Parker, Christie's UK affiliate.

Two of the apartments are mezzanine

FROM PUB TO HOME

A former Chelsea public house has undergone an extensive conversion into six luxury apartments. Two Six Eight Fulham Road was launched by Linton Property Developments, while designer Gemma Gordon Duff at Tessuto ensured the apartments interiors complemented the building's original character. Curved walls, bespoke arched sash windows and cast iron radiators are key features. The bespoke kitchens have stone worktops and Miele and Siemens appliances, while bathrooms have stone or marble tiles and Catalano sanitaryware. Lutron systems, controlled by iPad, allow the owner to operate the blinds, lighting, music and air conditioning. Prices range from £975,000 to £3.25m (0203 402 5103).

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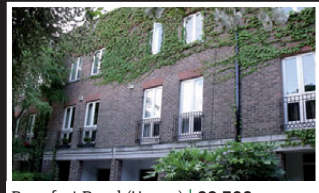

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RIVER FRONTAGE, TW1 GUIDE PRICE £2,000,000 FREEHOLD

A rare opportunity to acquire an attractive semi detached Georgian style home located on the banks of the River Thames offering exceptional views of the River from both the house and the garden, which in turn leads down to a private mooring. Parking and garage. 2242 sq ft (208sq m). EPC rating D.

TWICKENHAM, TW1 £1,150,000 FREEHOLD

A character Victorian four / five bedroom family home of some 1837 sq ft (170 sq m) with rear garden, within easy reach of local schools including Orleans Park. The property offers flexible space with the option of using the lower ground floor as a separate flat or for teenagers! EPC rating D.

RICHMOND, TW9 £900,000 LEASEHOLD

If you fancy a taste of the high life then this stunning two double bedroom two bathroom top floor penthouse with lift entrance directly into the apartment may well suit. Within easy reach of Richmond station with allocated underground parking. Approximately 1259 sq ft (116 sq m). EPC rating C.

RICHMOND, TW9 £825,000 FREEHOLD

Tucked away in a cul-de-sac this three bedroom Victorian terraced house, close to local restaurants, Richmond station and the town centre is ready now for a new owner. With two great bathrooms and a kitchen that leads onto a pretty patio garden. Circa 997 sq ft (93 sq m). EPC rating D.

RICHMOND, TW9 £650,000 FREEHOLD

With three bedrooms and a bathroom on the first floor this well presented cottage has a loft space offering further potential. Richmond station and town centre are within easy walking distance whilst there are also many restaurants just around the corner on the Kew Road. Circa 948 sq ft (88 sq m). EPC rating C.

RICHMOND HILL, TW10 £550,000 SHARE OF FREEHOLD

This two bedroom apartment (with garage) is situated in a private development on the upper slopes of Richmond Hill. With shops, bars and cafes just around the corner this is a quieter part of Richmond whilst still offering access to the station and the town. Circa 672 sq ft (62 sq m). EPC rating C.

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RICHMOND, TW10 £9,000 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A stunning five bedroom semi-detached Victorian house which has been renovated and upgraded, offering easy access to Richmond town centre and station with a large rear garden and parking. Features include a sound system, underfloor heating and more besides. Circa 2736 sq ft (254 sq m). EPC rating E.

HAM COMMON, TW10 £4000 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A beautiful four bedroom cottage overlooking Ham Common with a large courtyard, double reception room with wooden floors, further reception room, conservatory, kitchen, modern en suite, bathroom, Tandem garage. Close to German School. Circa 2145 sq ft including garage (199 sq m). EPC rating F.

RICHMOND, TW9 £3250 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A five bedroom family house of some 1870 sq ft (173 sq m) with extensive driveway parking, a Nanny / Au Pair flat, conveniently located for Marshgate School, Richmond town centre, station and access to Richmond Park. EPC rating C.

KEW, TW9 £2600 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A modern four bedroom, two bathroom, two reception room family house with contemporary kitchen dining room, modern bathrooms, rear garden, garage and off street parking set within easy reach of Kew village. Circa 1619 sq ft (150 sq m). EPC rating D.

KEW, TW9 £1595 PER CALENDAR MONTH

Great for entertaining and commuting with three local stations (Richmond, Kew Gardens and North Sheen) all within walking distance (0.7 of a mile) of this well presented floor two double bedroom flat with large bathroom and private balcony. Circa 624 sq ft (58 sq m). EPC rating D.

KEW, TW9 £1,550 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A well presented two double bedroom flat within this requested and conveniently located development just off Kew Green. Easy access to stations and Richmond town centre is a short bus ride away. Circa 742 sq ft (69 sq m). EPC rating D.

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LEINSTER AVENUE, EAST SHEEN, LONDON SW14 £1,295,000

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SHEEN GATE GARDENS, EAST SHEEN, LONDON SW14 £2,995,000

Rare opportunity to acquire an imposing & substantial detached residence occupying a bold corner position on the requested Parkside of Sheen. The property boasts extensive gardens, a garage & parking. There is a great potential to modernise and extend the existing property (STUC), or there is a distinct possibility an extensive scheme of re-development subject to relevant permissions & consents. The current property has 9 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 4 receptions, kitchen & cellar. EPC Rating F

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MY DREAM *HOME*

Robinson Residential's Robin Gutcher picks out this family home in Sheen

The home has high ceilings and plenty of entertaining space

PARKLANDS CLOSE SW14

Robin Gutcher from Robinson Residential

Why it's a great buy

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The wow factor

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Who would it suit?

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Stand-out features

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LONDON ROAD, TWICKENHAM, TW1 £1,900 PCM

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CHRIS CARNEY

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I have over 12 years of experience in the estate agency business and have been working (and living) in Barnes for more than 10 of those. My main priority, as branch manager, is to exceed the expectations of all our clients and to provide a professional service in finding the best buyer or tenant for each and every property we are instructed to sell or let, at the best price. I am proud to be running our new office in North Barnes as well as our fully refurbished office in Barnes village, both of which are now fully operational. We are able to provide clients with two experienced and motivated teams focusing totally on Barnes. Barnes is such a great place to work. I enjoy the variety of property we deal with and providing clients with my expert local knowledge.

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XAVIER MARQUÉS-WICKS

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

I have been working for Chestertons, Barnes since 2005. I grew up in the area and have lived locally all of my life. I love the atmosphere and charm that Barnes has to offer, I know and understand the Barnes property market in great depth and it is this knowledge and experience which helps me provide a professional and superior level of service, whilst driving the best possible results for our clients. I thrive on the challenge of making people's home moves a reality and I stay focused on making the experience and the outcome the best possible for our clients. We are all looking forward to the opportunities our new brand has to offer and further growing our market share in Barnes with the addition of a second office here.

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STUART BRIDGE

ASSOCIATE

I have worked in the property industry since graduating from university in 1997 where I earned a property-based degree and have gone on to achieve advanced professional qualifications through the NAEA and ARLA. I have worked in Barnes since 2007 and have a genuine love for the area. My time here has given me an in-depth knowledge of the local area and I love the community spirit and charm of the village. I focus on providing exceptional levels of customer service and achieving the very best result for clients many of whom come back to me for advice on all aspects of their properties and the general market. With two offices in Barnes, along with my colleagues, I feel that we can offer an unrivalled level of service to all clients.

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I have enjoyed working in the property industry for seven years and five of those have been with Chestertons. Firstly in the East Sheen office, then working as a sales and lettings negotiator in Barnes since 2011. I'm currently studying for the ARLA Lettings and Property Management qualification as I believe that you should never stop learning within this industry. I'm able to use personal knowledge from living locally with my family to fully promote the area. I really do appreciate what a lovely village Barnes and the surrounding areas are to live in. Having recently opened a second office in Barnes, I've embraced and enjoyed the new challenges and look forward to achieving even greater results for our clients.

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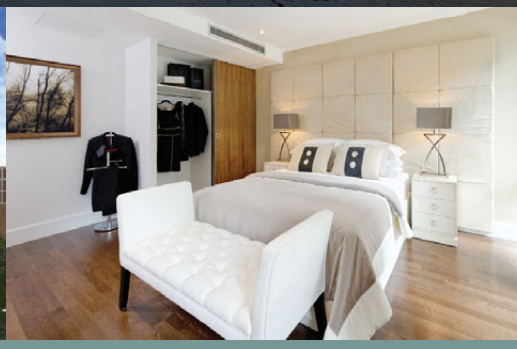

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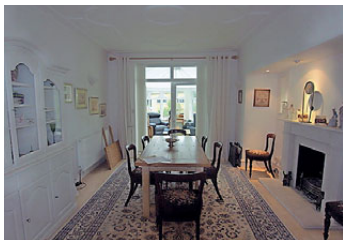

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